

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

# Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church † Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood



**Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!**

Please complete an attendance card for worship. Cards are available in the pews.

\*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold print.**

# Prelude

*Little Suite for Orchestra I* ..... Arcangelo Corelli, arranged by Philip Gordon

## Announcements

### Easter Proclamation

Rejoice all creation! Jesus Christ, our light, is risen! Let us lift our voices in celebration with our ancestors and the generations to come!

Does sin define us? Does it have power over us? **No!**

Does death have the final word? **No!**

Can anything separate us from the love of God? **No!**

Jesus has conquered! Not even death can extinguish the light of Christ! God's glory surrounds us and fills us!

Rejoice! **Rejoice!**

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Rejoice! **Rejoice!**

The risen Savior shines upon you! Our healing and our renewal have begun. Let this place resound with joy! Echoing the song of all God's people!

### Opening Hymn

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ..... ELW 365

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

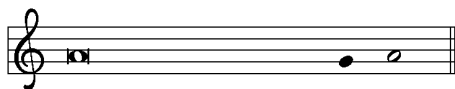
4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

*In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord* ..... ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



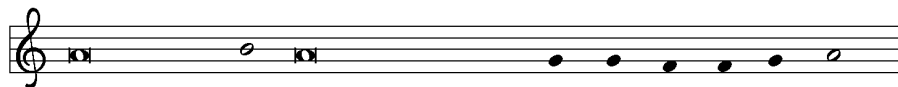
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

*The Day of Resurrection* (v. 1 and 3)..... ELW 361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of mercy, **we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

*Forth He Came at Easter.....* based on an old French Tune, arr. by David H. Williams

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been.  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

*In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again.  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

*Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain.  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen.  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

# Children's Message

## First Lesson | Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

**The LORD is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.**

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

**The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

**The LORD indeed punished me sorely but did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

**"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."**

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel | Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told

you." So, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day\*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*..... ELW 392

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.



4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

5 *Repeat Verse 1*

## Apostle's Creed

Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Call to Offering

Loving God, the abundance of your generosity and love is exemplified in Jesus. Let us give our offerings with generosity and joy to the One who has faithfully and generously given us love, grace, and mercy. May we bring healing to the broken, strength to the weak, and liberation to all those living in the midst of injustice.

## Offertory Music

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. . . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Communion Hymn

*Lamb of God*.....ELW p. 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Closing Prayer

Almighty God, this day of glorious victory is our joy and inspiration.

**We celebrate the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.**

We are filled once again with the light of Christ, a light unto our feet.

**Lord, we pray this light will continue to guide us in our lives from this day forward.**

As we go out into the community, as we go home to our families nourished by this meal of grace,

**make us aware that love, forgiveness, reconciliation, trust, and hope are also risen with our Lord and have been entrusted to our care.**

In the days ahead, keep the spirit of Easter alive and growing in our lives  
**so that the victory of our Lord over death will prompt victory in us; love over anger, patience over ego, thoughtfulness over selfishness, hope over despair.**

Then, with this victory, O God, will the joy of Easter abound in our lives always.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

Christ is with us in this place. **Alleluia!**

Christ goes with us into the world. **Alleluia!**

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!*..... ELW 369

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
when contending death and life, Alleluia!  
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

## **Sending**

Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection! Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

*Little Suite for Orchestra III*.....Arcangelo Corelli, arranged by Philip Gordon

# Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office [office@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto:office@gracewelcomesyou.org), for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

# Do You Receive the Weekly Update?

Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.



# Junior Bible Study

At both worship services, following the children’s sermon, kids will have 20 minutes to join the fun and talk about Bible stories in their own space set apart from the worship service. Join us for laughter and learning. See Pastor Kirsten if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

No JBS Today - join us next week!

# Sparkhouse Magazines

Children's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage children and families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God. We currently deliver these to our LIFT families. If you have grandchildren or friends of your family that would enjoy a copy of this magazine, please feel free to pick one up.

# Serving in Worship

Director of Outreach & Youth Ministries .....	Pastor Kirsten Lee
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Assisting Minister .....	Claudia Wood
Communion Assistants .....	Claudia Wood, Nancy Boehme, Hollie Swain, Deb Gustafson
Communion Bread.....	Carol Keller
Greeters.....	Ken & Jane Krumwiede
Ushers.....	Colleen & Rod Levsen
Coffee & Treats.....	Jim & Gloria Lange
Healthy Snacks .....	Karen Jewel
Sound System .....	Russ Finkler
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*living the gift*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Jesus Christ is Risen Today Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

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# Easter Lily Donations

**Thank you to all those who ordered Easter Lilies to beautify our sanctuary in celebration of the Resurrection!**

Ron Brunsvold in loving memory of Marty Brunsvold

Jacquelyn Cain in honor of Mary & Charles Jones  
and in loving memory of Randy Cain & Ann Johansen

Casey Costello in honor of Ali Odell

Sally & Don Haugen in loving memory of Sally's sister, Nancy Briggs Dellinger

Bud Johnson in loving memory of Sue Johnson

Ken & Jane Krumwiede in loving memory of Ken's  
parents, brother, & sister and Jane's parents & twin brother

Jim & Gloria Lange in memory of our loved ones

Connie Lannan & Craig Brown in loving memory  
of Helen & George Lannan and Dorothy & Merrill Brown

Cindy Lee in loving memory of John Lee

Chuck Lehman in loving memory of my parents

Rod Levens, Jr. in loving memory of Janice Levens

Elizabeth & Dave Linde ~ Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Ruth Naber in loving memory of Janice Naber,  
and in honor of her family and church family

Jane & Dean Rock in loving memory of Peg, Tom, and Bill

Marilyn Schreiber in loving memory of Larry Schreiber

Susan Senn in loving memory of Mom and Dad

Nancy & Laura Toland in loving memory of  
Warren Toland, Paul Toland, Elmer & Dorothy Brase

# A Special Thank You to Our Easter Sunday Musicians!

## **Easter Worship Instrumentalists**

Deborah Alejo *flute*  
Janice Gibbs *bassoon*  
Abbi Lee *clarinet*  
Chuck Lehman *trumpet*  
Ruth McAndrews *clarinet*  
Bill McCullough *trombone*  
Kathi Parrish *piano*  
Dean Rock *trumpet*  
Jane Rock *clarinet*  
Isaak Sund *violin/viola*  
Scott Sund *cello*  
Susan Senn *organ/piano*  
Dawn Swartz *clarinet*

## **Choir Members**

**Director** Sally Meier

### **Sopranos**

Nancy Boehme  
Carol Keller  
Susan Senn  
Laura Toland

### **Altos**

Ann Lange  
Abbi Lee  
Jane Rock  
Kathy Shriver

### **Tenors**

Bill McCullough  
Chuck Lehman

### **Basses**

Jake Bayles  
Russ Finkler  
Jim Neumann

### **Piano**

Kathi Parrish



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, March 31

### Easter Sunday!

8:30am Easter Sunday Worship  
9:30am Coffee Hour  
10:30am Easter Sunday Worship

## Monday, April 1

### Church Office Closed

4:30pm Centering Prayer

## Tuesday, April 2

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH  
1:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg  
5:00pm Property Committee Mtg

## Wednesday, April 3

12:00pm Men's Lunch & Conversation  
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 4

## Friday, April 5

## Saturday, April 6

## Sunday, April 7

### Food Pantry Sunday

9:30am Holy Humor Sunday Worship  
10:30am Feast of Fools Brunch - FH

## Monday, April 8

### Pray & Play

10:30am Staff Meeting  
4:30pm Centering Prayer via Zoom

## Tuesday, April 9

9:00am Quilters  
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH  
1:30pm Outreach & Welcome Mtg  
1:30pm Social Ministry Mtg  
6:00pm CYF Meeting  
7:00pm Worship & Music Mtg

## Wednesday, April 10

### Pastor Stephanie Vacation

9:00am Quilters  
12:00pm Men's Lunch & Conversation

## Thursday, April 11

### Pastor Stephanie Vacation

## Friday, April 12

### Pastor Stephanie Vacation

## Saturday, April 13

### Pastor Stephanie Vacation

9:00am Practice of Mindfulness - PBH

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## Looking Ahead

- **March 31** Easter Sunday
- **April 1** Church Office Closed
- **April 7** Holy Humor Joint Worship & Brunch
- **April 7** First Communion Class
- **April 8** Pray & Play
- **April 18** Safer Sack Lunch Pick Up
- **April 21** IFF Brunch
- **April 21** New Member Sunday
- **May 6** Pray & Play

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## Church Office Closed | April 1

The church office will be closed Monday, April 1, for the Easter holiday. No Fooling!



## Holy Humor Worship & Brunch | April 7

### NEXT SUNDAY! 9:30am Joint Worship followed by Brunch

We had so much fun last year, let's do it again this year! "Holy Humor Sunday" or "Bright Sunday" is an Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity. Let's be SILLY . . . wear FUNNY clothes . . . LAUGH with friends . . . and lift our voices in JOYFUL song! **Please contact the church office if you can bring a breakfast casserole, baked goods, or fruit for the brunch.**

## Safer Foundation Sack Lunches

Supporting Safer Sacks is an easy way for you to get involved in helping a local non-profit improve lives and community safety. Lunch includes a club sandwich on a croissant with ham, turkey, and cheese with condiments on the side, chips, cookie, and fruit. Cost is: \$8 per lunch (\$9 if delivered). **Orders and payment are due April 12, to Hollie Swain.** The lunches will be available to pick up - or join us as we eat together - at Grace on April 18.

## First Communion Class | April 7

**11:30am-1:30pm.** Please email Pastor Kirsten and let her know who will be attending: [pastorkirsten@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto:pastorkirsten@gracewelcomesyou.org). We would like an adult to accompany each family of children.

## IFF Brunch | April 21

IFF will gather for brunch on Sunday, April 21, at the home of Kathy Shriver (6211 Whispering Hill Ct, Bettendorf). Hosts are Kathy Shriver and Janice Gibbs. We will begin serving mimosas at 11:30am and will eat around noon. Anyone interested in joining us, even if you have never or rarely attended, is most welcomed. Can't bring a dish to share...no problem. There is always plenty of food and we are just happy to have you join us! **RSVP by April 7 to [kdshriver51@gmail.com](mailto:kdshriver51@gmail.com)** or call 563-332-9390 and leave a message.



## Lunch & Conversation | Noon Wednesdays

**Men's "Lunch & Conversation"** meets every Wednesday at Noon at Grace! You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a local restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or [boehmed@aol.com](mailto:boehmed@aol.com) to be added to the email list.

## Grief Support Group | April 3

Our Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

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## Centering Prayer Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom

In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart--our whole being to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Cheryl Kritsch facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update). Please contact Cheryl with any questions at 563-343-0135.

## Church Email Transition

We are in the process of transitioning our bulk email service, and you may notice that emails start to look a little different. If you're unsure about an email, click on the sender and it should be from one of the staff emails ending in "gracewelcomesyou.org". (Also, **be sure to check your spam folders, and mark these emails as "safe" or "not spam"** so you can see them directly in your inbox.) *Thanks for your patience - we hope to be fully transitioned sometime in April, and will keep you updated as we progress.*

## Redeemer Organ Concert | April 7, 2pm

You are invited to a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Redeemer Bedient Organ held at Redeemer Lutheran Church (1107 Tanglefoot Lane, Bettendorf) Sunday, April 7, 2pm, followed by a reception. For more information or questions, please contact Karen VandeWostine at [musicredeemerbett@gmail.com](mailto:musicredeemerbett@gmail.com) or 563-529-3690. (The organ has also often been serviced and maintained by our very own Levsen Organ family.)

## Practice of Mindfulness | April 13

**Saturday Morning Musings: Practices to Enliven Your Prayer Life | 9-11am at Grace**

The posture of mindfulness is living in the present moment. A person calmly acknowledges and accepts one's feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations without judgment. You simply "come to your senses". **Cost \$30 Register with Elaine Olson 217-766-6937 or [ekobus05@gmail.com](mailto:ekobus05@gmail.com)**

## National Faith and Climate Forum | April 16



St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport invites all to a live stream of the National Faith and Climate Forum. The event includes nationally recognized speakers, including Dr. Neddy Astudillo, faculty at Pacific Lutheran. Subtitles will be in Spanish. There will be time for breakouts and discussion. Plus, several local groups working on climate change issues will have displays. All are welcome, this event is free.

**When** Tuesday, April 16, 11am -4pm

**Location** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport

**Register to attend** [nationalfaithandclimateforum.org/register](http://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org/register)

**Questions?** Contact Becky Wiese [rlawmd@yahoo.com](mailto:rlawmd@yahoo.com)

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## M.A.D. Camp @ St. Mark | June 24-28

**9am-3pm June 24-18 | Registration Fee \$25**

**"Back at the Creekbank"** Join campers at St. Mark for Music, Art, and Drama Camp - We will celebrate how God has filled our world with love and beauty! Snacks and drinks will be provided, and campers are asked to bring a lunch each day. Any kids who are comfortable reading and performing are welcome. To register, contact Katie Carstens at 563-271-8634. *(Please let Pr. Kirsten know if you need financial assistance - your inquiry will be kept in confidence.)*

## Name Tags

A friendly reminder: Remember to wear your name tag on Sundays to help visitors and others feel welcomed. Do you need a new nametag? Let the office know and we'll be sure to have one made.